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Applicant : Mark A. Ritchart et al.
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COLLECTION OF SOFT TISSUE

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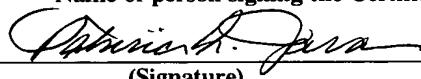
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and reconsider the above-identified application in view of the accompanying remarks.